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(*b*) whether the bridgework has been sanctioned by the Government;

(*c*) whether the South Kanara District Board has been applying for grant since 1947 for its construction;

(*d*) if so, whether the necessary grant has been sanctioned; and

(*e*) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The correct nomenclature of the work is construction of a bridge across the Upperahalla at mile 1/1 of Kochila-Kokkada road.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) The execution of the bridgework by the South Kanara District Board was sanctioned by the Government under the Post-War Road Development Scheme in 1947–48 and the sanction was renewed during the years from 1948–49 to 1950–51. But the district board did not take it up for execution in those years as technical sanction to the estimate for the work could be obtained only in December 1950. In the subsequent years, the grant sanctioned for Post-War Road Development works has been limited to works in progress and hence the district board could not take up this work under the Grants-in-Aid Scheme."

Number of Harijans on the staff of the Police Department in Malabar district.

* 1370 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Harijans at present in the categories of Police Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables and Constables in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The number of Harijans at present employed in the various categories in the Malabar district is as follows :—

Inspector of Police—1.

Sub-Inspectors—Nil.

Head constables—Nil.

Constables—10."

SRI M. CHADAYAN :—" പോലീസിൽ ഹരിജൻ മർദ്ദനങ്ങളെപ്പററി ആവലാതിപ്പെട്ടാൽ അവലാതിപ്പെടുന്ന ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ പേരിൽതന്നെ കേസ്സു ചാർജ്ജ് ചെയ്യുകയാണ് പതിവെന്ന് ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു അറിയാമോ ?"

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (translation) :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that some Harijans have complained to the Police with regard to the repression and that the Police are charging those very people who have made complaints?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" That does not arise out of this question."